



## BRIDGE OF HISTORY

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### NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 197,036 for the month of August, 2006. This represents a decrease of 3.86% as compared to August, 2005.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Change from August, 2005</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	96,590	-7.8%	49.0%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	78,504	1.1%	39.8%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	10,219	-5.9%	5.2%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	11,723	-0.2%	5.9%
<i>Totals:</i>	197,036		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2006 has totaled 1,293,290 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 1.07% as compared to 2005. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 80.1 million vehicles have crossed the structure.

#### ***Manager's Note:***

The International Bridge annual inspection by the Parson's Engineering representatives from New York will begin the week of October 2, 2006. The annual inspection is performed to ensure the continued structural integrity and maintenance of the bridge. The inspection involves trained technicians climbing on the bridge and utilizing specialized equipment to access structural components. The inspection will have no impact on bridge traffic.

Sincerely,

***International Bridge Administration***

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